

## CLAIMS:

We claim:

1. A method for collaboratively configuring resource objects for deployment in instances of an integrated solutions console, the method comprising the steps of:
  - programming a new resource management object to manage a corresponding resource in an enterprise domain;
  - consulting a registry of existing resource management objects to determine a proper placement for said new resource management object in a maximal hierarchy of said existing resource management objects; and,
  - configuring said new resource management object for insertion into said maximal hierarchy based upon said determined proper placement.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein said configuring step comprises the steps of:
  - editing a deployment descriptor for said new resource management object to indicate a proper placement of said new resource management object in a navigation hierarchy of an instance of an integrated solutions console; and,
  - modifying said registry to indicate said proper placement.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein said modifying step further comprises the step of modifying said registry to assign a unique identifier to said new resource management object.

4. A system for integrating and arranging resource management objects in an integrated solutions console comprising:
- an instance of an integrated solutions console;
  - a registry configured to store a real-time maximal hierarchical representation of a hierarchy of resource management objects registered for accessibility through said instance of said integrated solutions console; and,
  - an interface to said registry programmed to render said hierarchical representation and to register a new resource management object for accessibility through said instance of said integrated solutions console from a position in a subset of said hierarchy selected through said interface.
5. The system of claim 4, wherein said interface is disposed within an integrated development environment.
6. The system of claim 4, wherein selected ones of said resource management objects comprise performance monitors.
7. The system of claim 4, wherein said maximal hierarchy comprises a plurality of containers arranged in a tree structure of parent nodes and children nodes in which said resource management objects can be disposed according to interrelationships between said resource management objects.

8. The system of claim 4, wherein each of said resource management objects comprises a unique identifier.

9. The system of claim 4, wherein said instance of said integrated solutions console comprises a portal interface.

10. The system of claim 4, wherein said registry comprises a plurality of entries, each entry specifying a reference to a parent node and one of a container and a resource management object.

11. A method for managing access to resource management objects disposed in a hierarchical subset of resource management objects through an instance of an integrated solutions console, the method comprising the steps of:

identifying a new resource management object to be added to said hierarchical subset;

retrieving a real-time representation of a maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset from a registry;

selecting a position within said maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset through said real-time representation;

adding said new resource management object to said maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset at said selected position; and,

modifying said real-time representation in said registry to reflect said new resource management object.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein said selecting step comprises the step of selecting a container within said maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset which relates to a function of said new resource management object.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein said selecting step comprises the step of selecting a container within said maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset which relates to a resource type operated upon by said new resource management object.

14. The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:  
assigning a unique identifier to said new resource management object; and,  
storing said unique identifier in said registry in association with said new resource management object.

15. A machine readable storage having stored thereon a computer program for managing access to resource management objects disposed in a hierarchy through an integrated solutions console, the computer program comprising a routine set of instructions which when executed by the machine cause the machine to perform the steps of:

identifying a new resource management object to be added to said hierarchical subset;

retrieving a real-time representation of a maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset from a registry;

selecting a position within said maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset through said real-time representation;

adding said new resource management object to said maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset at said selected position; and,

modifying said real-time representation in said registry to reflect said new resource management object.

16. The machine readable storage of claim 15, wherein said selecting step comprises the step of selecting a container within said maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset which relates to a function of said new resource management object.

17. The machine readable storage of claim 15, wherein said selecting step comprises the step of selecting a container within said maximal expansion of said hierarchical subset which relates to a resource type operated upon by said new resource management object.

18. The machine readable storage of claim 15, further comprising the steps of:  
assigning a unique identifier to said new resource management object; and,  
storing said unique identifier in said registry in association with said new resource management object.